



Walter Klein

January 16, 1932 - July 19, 2018

On Thursday, July 19, 2018, Walter Klein, age 86, of South Park, passed into the loving arms of God. Born January 16, 1932 in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Walter and Edna (Gruber) Klein and was the eldest of four children. He attended Pittsburgh Public Schools, and upon graduating he joined the military and served his duty in the US Marine Corps F Co 2/7. He was stationed in Korea from 1950 to 1953 and was a major participant in the campaign for the Chosin Reservoir. During his duty he received two citations, five bronze stars, and three medals, including the Purple Heart. Upon returning from military service, Walter worked for Bell Telephone Company, was later self-employed as a bread salesman, and owned a toy distribution route. With a growing family, he went to work for the US Postal Service as a tractor trailer driver, and later was a truck driver for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He loved to hunt, enjoyed breakfast at Eat'n Park, and attending Marine Fox Company reunions. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary A. (Boehm) Klein. He is also survived by his children, Walter (Kelly) Klein, of Berlin, MD, Roy (Becky) Klein, of Washington, PA, Heidi (Ralph) Swentkowsky, of Kennedy Twp., Kurt Klein, of South Park, and Gretchen (Mike) Donahue, of South Park. He is also survived by nine grandchildren who adored him. Friends received Sunday 2-4 & 6-8 pm at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.), South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Monday 12 pm at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Germaine Church at 12:30 pm. Interment

with full military honors at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.
Condolences may be offered for the family at www.GriffithFH.com

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.
5636 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Visitation

JUL 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 23. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Germaine Church
7003 Baptist Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102
<http://www.stgermaineparish.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Walter Klein. I'd never knew Walter, or met any of his family. Yet recently I've discovered a connection between our family's. My uncle, Sgt. Meridith F. Keirn, a Fox Company Marine was identified through a DNA match of remains returned from N.Korea. My uncle died on Fox Hill and was buried there with many other of the marines who perished during the battle. It appears that through reading "The Last Stand of Fox Company" Walter may have been the last Marine to speak with my uncle before he passed. It would have been an honor to have met Walter before he passed. Just to have shook hands with someone who fought through and survived the overwhelming odds, and horrendous conditions these young men endured. Rest in Peace Walter
Kenneth A. Keirn
Henrietta, N.Y.*

Kenneth A Keirn - April 04, 2019 at 11:06 AM

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“ *To the Family of Walter Klein:
May his soul rest in peace and the perpetual light shine upon him.
With deepest sympathy,
Paul J. Gitnik*

Paul Gitnik - December 06, 2018 at 11:21 AM

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“ I couldn't ask for a better Father-in-law or a better grandfather for my daughters. You were an amazing man. Thank you so much for your service to our country and thank you snow much for being a great role model and awesome Dad. You raised five wonderful children, one in which I married. I will miss you so much, Dad Klein!

Kelly Klein - July 24, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Klein.



July 23, 2018 at 12:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Klein.



July 22, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Walter Klein.



July 20, 2018 at 07:02 PM